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Division of Parole and Probation Academy to Graduate 47 Agents
Wednesday, July 30 at 2 p.m. in Sykesville

Governor's Chief of Staff Michael Enright is Keynote Speaker

TOWSON, MD (July 27, 2008)---The Maryland Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) will welcome new agents into the Public Safety arena when it graduates 47 men and women from the DPP Academy on Wednesday, July 30 at 2 p.m. The ceremony takes place at the Public Safety Education and Training Center, 6852 4th St. in Sykesville (on the grounds of the former Springfield State Hospital just off route 32).

Michael Enright, Chief of Staff to Governor Martin O'Malley, will be the keynote speaker. Gary Maynard, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPP's parent agency), and Patrick McGee, Interim Director of the Division of Parole and Probation, will also speak.

The graduating agents have successfully completed a rigorous training academy, and now undertake one of the most challenging jobs in law enforcement and criminal justice: supervising more than 70,000 men and women, many of whom served prison terms prior to returning to society. Their foray into fulltime public safety roles comes as DPP receives local plaudits for its work with Governor O'Malley's vigorous Violence Prevention Initiative, targeting repeat violent offenders, and national acclaim for its own Proactive Community Supervision model.

Parole and Probation agents, though largely unheralded, do a spectacular job of helping ex-offenders, parolees, and probationers with everything from job skills training to addictions treatment and mental health services. Parole and Probation agents are among Maryland's most important public safety leaders.

As of June 30, DPP agents supervised 70,246 men and women, 18,628 in Baltimore City alone. Fifteen thousand are drinking drivers ordered into DPP's Drinking Driver Monitor Program.

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